IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 20 as follows:

A preferred embodiment of a cover latch 10 for a dispenser is shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3. The cover latch 10 may be formed of plastic, metal or any material that has sufficient tensile strength per square inch to form a thin, lightweight assembly that resists deformation and breakage. The preferred embodiment is composed of two main molded plastic parts, a T-shaped pull rod assembly 12 and a U-shaped pull latch assembly 20. The two assemblies and their components may be molded as one unit, or separately formed and attached by being threaded together, snapping together or being held together by any fasteners that ensure the assemblies will not detach while in use.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 4 as follows:

The O-ring 18 is used to prevent infiltration of water into the dispenser apparatus. It may be placed on a free end of the rod 16 during assembly before attaching the rod 16 to the pull latch assembly 20. Alternatively, the O-ring 18 may be placed

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on the free end of the rod 16 before attaching the handle 14 to the free end. The O-ring 18 is preferably positioned on the outside of the body of the dispenser in a small recess molded into the dispenser body to receive the O-ring 18 when the cover latch 10 is in the locked position. The O-ring 18 is held in compression against this recess by the springs 22 and thus prevents water or other contaminants to enter the dispenser when the cover is locked.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 18 as follows:

The springs 22 are shown in detail in Fig. 2 and Fig. 4. They are designed to keep the cover latch 10 in the locked position by bearing against a compression surface 30 molded or built into the dispenser. They are located on the bottom of the "U" and oriented toward the handle 14 and away from the latches 24. The springs 22 as shown are in the same plane as the pull latch assembly 20, but any angle may be used provided the compression surface 30 is correspondingly designed. Furthermore, the springs 22 as shown are leaf springs, but many different types of springs may be used with the same results.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 12 as follows:

An opening and closing operation using the cover latch 10 will now be described with reference to Fig. 4 and Fig. 5, which depict a representative dispenser apparatus. The cover latch 10 removably slides along channels in the base of the dispenser. When the cover 32 of the dispenser is being closed by rotating on hinges 34 on either side of the handle 14, the latch ramps 26 of the latches 24 contact the catches 28 in the cover. The catches 28 slide along the surfaces of the latch ramps 26, compressing the springs 22 against the compression surface 30 of the dispenser. At the same time this moves the cover latch 10 downward so that the handle projects out of the body of the dispenser. When the catches 28 clear the end of the latch ramps 26, the springs 22 expand and move the cover latch 10 into the locked position, drawing the handle 14 against the dispenser body.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 22 as follows:

It should be noted that the cover may be entirely removable, or attached to the housing via a hinge, or the like. The

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dispenser in Fig. 4 and Fig. 5 features a hinged cover, but the cover latch 10 is equally effective with non-hinged covers. For example, the hinges 34 may be replaced by a slot designed to support the cover by receiving a tab molded onto the cover, allowing the cover to then be locked in place by the cover latch 10 as above.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 5 as follows:

In order to open the cover 32, a person simply pulls the handle 14 away from the dispenser body. The springs 22 are compressed against the compression surface 30 and the latches 24 disengage the catches 28. The cover 32 may then be swung open as shown in Fig. 5. The cover latch 10 returns to the locked position when the handle 14 is released, causing the springs 22 to expand.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 remain in the application.

The claims have been carefully reviewed with particular attention to the points raised in the Office Action. It is submitted that no new matter has been added and no new issues